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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA

1. WHEN AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER AUGUST 29 HE URGED THAT THE U.S. GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO CONTINUATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO NORTH KOREA. RATIONALE ADVANCED BY KIM WAS THAT DESPITE EFFORTS BY ROKG TO OPEN ITS DOOR TO ALL NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, THERE HAD BEEN NO MOVE BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO INITIATE CONTACTS WITH THE SOUTH. IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE REVOCATION OF PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS BY THE US WOULD, ACCORDING TO ROK, ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ROK POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE NORTH AS WELL AS GIVE WRONG IMPRESSION THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA IS CHANGING.

2. AMBASSADOR PORTER BRIEFLY NOTED THAT HE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT USEFULNESS OF PRESENT PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS. HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR KIM THAT VIEWS OF ROKG WOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION BEFORE DECISION TAKEN. ROGERS

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